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In re patent application of

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For: METHOD FOR SCREENING CANDIDATE COMPOUNDS FOR ANTITUMOR  
DRUG

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the following claims:

5. (Amended) The method according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein said tumor is a blood cancer.

7. (Amended) The method according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein said cytokine is IL-3.

8. (Amended) The method according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein said animal cells are blood cells.